

**District VI Advisory Board  
Minutes**  
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**Monday  
November 3, 2008  
6:30 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center  
2700 N. Woodland  
Lounge/Clubroom**

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The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. District VI councilwoman led the meeting with ten (10) District Advisory Board members in attendance, eight (8) city staff and four (4) members of the public who signed in.

**Members Present**

C. Bickley Foster  
Carol Skaff  
Bob Schreck  
Charlie Claycomb  
Marsha Carr  
John VanWalleghen  
Jaya Escobar  
Pat Randleas  
Janet Miller  
Bob Wine

**Members Absent**

Bob Aldrich

**Staff Present**

Officer Woodson, Patrol North  
Officer Davidson, Patrol West  
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant  
Officer Schwiethale, Patrol South  
Officer Jerrell, Patrol North  
Darren Moore, WPD  
Doug Kupper, Park  
Scott Wadle, Planning

**Guests**

Listed at end

**Council Member Fearey** called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. welcoming everyone and asked members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for October 6th were approved as submitted. (**Skaff/Foster 10-0**)

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted. (**VanWalleghen/Skaff 10-0**)

**Public Agenda**

1. **Scheduled items:** None at this time
2. **Off-agenda items:** None at this time

**Staff Presentations**

**3. Mayor's Vision presentation - CANCELLED**

Mayor Carl Brewer will present on downtown re-development.

\*\*\*\*\***Recommended Action:** It is recommended that the District Advisory Board receive and file.

**4. Community Police Report**

**Patrol West:** *Officer Davidson* discussed current crime trends and said in Orchard Park there was an increase in larcenies. People are leaving their autos unlocked and they are stealing items out of them. We have many open

complaints about this. This is not in a certain area but spread out thru the beat.

**Patrol North:** *Officer Jerrell* 41 Beat said there have been 11 burglaries from 13<sup>th</sup> to 21st streets between Park Place and Arkansas. In October there were other burglaries in an area where there had been a decrease of crime and we think this is linked with the same one or two guilty individuals. They are taking mostly electronics such as DVD's, personal computers, lap tops and jewelry. We found blood on one item and were able to get a match to a suspect and arrest them. Since last Tuesday there have been no burglaries. We have had officers in plain clothes assignments with no reports of car break-in's at night. We have seen an increase in auto thefts which happens when it's cold. Please don't leave your car running to go into the Quik Trip.

**Patrol South:** *Officer Schwiethale* Old Town area spoke about collecting data from the Geo Crime program which showed an increase in larcenies and auto thefts to business vehicles. This was not the full month data as that report doesn't come out until the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month. On Nov 1<sup>st</sup> was the opening for the Homeless Shelter Overflow and all officers are receiving training about its operations until the end of March.

**Patrol North:** *Officer Woodson* 49 Beat told the Members and audience he was new to the area and looked forward to working with them. *Woodson* stated that there has also been an increase in auto thefts with eight of them last month. He said they were Hondas and all were recovered. Most of this has taken place at the apartment complexes and he will be distributing flyers to make people aware. Please don't leave your valuables in plain site. Residents keep an eye out for suspicious characters.

\*\*\*\*\* **Action:** Receive and file

## 5. Fire Department Report

There was no report given.

## 6. Professional Standards Bureau Overview

*Captain Moore*, Professional Standards Bureau provided an overview of the mission and function of the Bureau.

*Moore* said he reports directly to Chief Williams and is new to this department as he has been at the Police Training Academy. His goal is to present to the DAB and neighborhood associations and make them aware of the mission of the department which is to gather info and report the facts. Once this has been done all reports go to Chief Williams who determines action. *Moore* encouraged everyone to make contact with the department with good or bad conduct about the police officers. *Moore* also handed out a "How to make a Complaint" brochure for DAB and audience.

**Schreck** stated he was finishing up the Citizens Police Academy and now realizes what all the officers have to do. He rode along with them and respects how they follow all the rules and is very proud of them.

**Foster** asked how many complaints/compliments are received from citizens. *There are between 50-100 complaints/compliments per year.*

*Moore* continued some of the top complaints from citizens on officers are lewd conduct, use of force, disagreement with the traffic citation and failure to do a complete investigation. Also, we investigate internal complaints such as being late to work, collisions, an officer can't qualify with his gun and court attendance.

**Miller** asked from the 50-100/year what percentage has sustained findings. *Anywhere from 15-20% in external findings which are hard to determine and for internal findings 80-85%.*

**Escobar** asked how the complaints are weeded out. *Non-serious complaints go to the supervisor of the officer and serious complaints are investigated by this division.*

**Randleas** asked what time frame is allowed from any police contact to do a follow-up. *Depending on what the officer has said to the citizen. If you don't hear from an officer when you are expecting a return call I would try and call the officer and if you still receive no response contact his supervisor and you can find that out thru the substation.*

**Miller** asked about the perception of racial profiling or excessive use of force, have you identified how to do this differently. *Moore* stated that was why he was here tonight was to remove the mistrust some people feel when dealing with an officer. *Citizens don't know what happens to an officer if a complaint is filed and somehow we need to let the citizen know how the complaint was resolved.*

**Schreck** finished saying the Citizens Police Academy takes some time to do but he learned a lot and appreciates what officers go thru.

\*\*\*\*\* **Action:** The District Advisory Board received the presentation.

## **New Business**

### **7. Bus Shelter Artwork**

*Andrea Corkren* a USD 259 art teacher explained the process of how the public art work project for three bus shelters was developed and the designs chosen. The designs are to be a part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Street Redevelopment. The art students are from North High and Northwest High School who brainstormed to come up with ideas after surveying the bus riders as to what they would like to see. The designs have already been presented to the Design Council for their approval.

- Southwest corner of 21<sup>st</sup> and Amidon – the design will be made up of designs from famous artists together using mixed paints.
- On 21<sup>st</sup> in front of Twin Lakes Shopping Center - Sunflower design with some stained glass paint.
- 25<sup>th</sup> and Arkansas in front of Evergreen Library – reflections of North High School and the Minisa bridge

**Escobar** asked if these designs had already been selected. *Yes they have.*

**Skaff** stated this was very impressive and also rewarding for the students to see their art displayed.

**Carr** stated the students should do a presentation for Channel 7 about the project.

*Corkren* stated that many of the students belong to the National Art Society.

**Wine** asked if there was approval on the Keeper Statue. *Corkren said that when they presented at the Design Council there was information saying there would be no copyright infringement and there is none.*

It was said they hoped the art work would not be vandalized. *Corkren said the art work would be between plexiglass and sealed.*

**Foster** asked if this was for the 21<sup>st</sup> street redevelopment why the selections are not all on 21st street. **Fearey** responded the shelters would be on locations that had enough right-of-way. **Foster** said this is a great idea.

**Fearey** finished by saying there would be ribbon cuttings for each shelter.

\*\*\*\*\* **Action:** The District Advisory Board received the information on the designs.

A 5-minute break was taken at 7:40p.m.

**Randleas** leaves at 7:40 p.m.

### **8. Wichita Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan**

*Doug Kupper, Park Director and Scott Wadle, Planning* discussed the Wichita PROS Plan that will serve as an updated and improved guide for the development, provision, maintenance, and funding of parks and recreation resources for the City of Wichita. *Kupper* said he was in a cooperative venture with MAPD to work on the Comprehensive Plan for the future of parks and was here to gather any recommendations. There have already been many public meetings on this effort.

It was asked if there were any plans for the Golf courses. *No improvements for any of the new courses.*

**Foster** asked if there is money included to purchase land as it is very important. *Yes. Foster* continued we can't run out of land for parks as the land is what the builders want for housing. *Wadle said the funding element is to be a separate process possible thru a sales tax or property tax.*

**Carr** said this would be a great opportunity to use Cadillac Lake as a wetlands park instead of development.

*Kupper* said the City needs to be looking for land or should the County also be involved for providing park lands.

*Cindy Claycomb, Park Board technical advisor* stated we need a lot of input as there are lots of issues to cover and for now this layouts a nice plan for our future and suggested it be adopted.

\*\*\*\*\* Action: The District VI Advisory Board made a motion to recommend to City Council adoption of the *Wichita Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan* as an element of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan. (Skaff/Claycomb 9-0)

## **Board Agenda**

### **9. Problem Properties**

- 21<sup>st</sup> street and the spillway: the graffiti-was removed two weeks ago and is now back.
- Graffiti: on the West end of the Minisa Bridge.
- Graffiti: along Second Street at the Big Ark River on the West end.
- 331 N. Mosley: Broken windows
- 116 N. Mead: Broken windows on the South and East sides.
- 3645 N. Armstrong: continues to have junk

\*\*\*\*\* Action: Receive and propose appropriate action.

### **10. Neighborhood Reports**

- **Escobar** with *Hope Street* is working with the Evergreen Neighborhood City Hall (EGNCH) to begin a homework club On December 2<sup>nd</sup> with rotational activities at the recreation center, library, EGNCH and WSU Engineering department's Robotics program. We plan to recruit the students already coming to the center and we will hold activities over the Christmas holiday when school is out.
- **Wanted:** Chess teachers for students to start learning how to play. Contact the Community Educator Martha Sanchez if interested at 303-8042.
- **Green Program:** Will the city go green? I was told we are losing around 250 trees/year and is this just on public/city property? **Fearey** responded we budget for 2000 trees a year, maybe we should. consider for more. **Miller** said the trees being removed are the trees that have gone bad or are dead. **Schreck** said he was told the pine trees were dying from beetles. **Wine** mentioned that Orchard Park had a lot of trees and many birds that came with them. **Carr** said the city has cut down volunteer trees along the south side of the Arkansas River and it doesn't seem right to cut down indigenous volunteers along the river (not in the parks).
- **21<sup>st</sup> Bridge:** Is finally finished and Benjamin Hills neighborhood is very happy.
- **Botanica:** Whatever happened to the improvements that were to take place? **Fearey** responded they are working on them at present and will also be doing a children's garden.
- **RCA:** Annual Chili Supper on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m.

### **Updates from Council Member**

- **C.O.R.E.:** This is between Central/Murdock, there will be a public hearing on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and if anyone is interested in supporting the area as a TIF district, please email the City Council.
- Apartments at 37<sup>th</sup> and Arkansas was withdrawn but not sure why.
- The park department asked me to make a list of what needs to be looked at for District VI area for future projects and I included
  - Riverview Park-needed improvements
  - Meridian Park-suggested a possible dog park
  - Riverside Park- look at a run center for dogs
  - Evergreen Park – Tables and shelters
  - Orchard Park- Tables and shelters

If you can think of anything else email me or the neighborhood assistant.

**Skaff** commented it would be nice to have doggy dispenser bags in all the parks like in Old Town.

\*\*\*\*\* Action: Receive and file.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next DAB meeting will be on Wednesday November 19, 2008

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

**Guests**

Cindy Claycomb	151 N. Rock Island 67202 Grant Telegraph Old Town Assoc.
Bruce Simkins	501 W. 42 <sup>nd</sup> N. 67204 Earhart
Christine Eberle	1814 Joann Wichita, Ks NW Big River NA
Greg Boijian	3325 W. 9 <sup>th</sup> La Placita Park

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant